

### Amendments to the Specification

On page 3, please replace paragraph [13] with the following:

[13] Figure 1 is the genomic DNA sequence for ELIP (SEQ ID NO:1). The coding sequence is in bold and underlined

On page 3, please replace paragraph [14] with the following:

[14] Figure 2 is the cDNA sequence for ELIP (SEQ ID NO:2).

On page 3, please replace paragraph [15] with the following:

[15] Figure 3 is the amino acid sequence for ELIP (SEQ ID NO:3).

On page 35, please replace paragraph [171] with the following:

[171] Of the esterase/lipase enzymes described here, ELIP is most closely related to the carboxyesterase type B family having a catalytic triad of serine, a glutamate or aspartate and a histidine. It contains the sequence FGGDAGNVTLFGESAG (SEQ ID NO:4) highlighted in the degenerate sequence motif characteristic of this family, **F-[GR]-G-x-x-x-x-[LIVM]-x-[LIV]-x-G-x-S-[STAG]-G** (SEQ ID NO:5) (Prosite PDOC00112).

Please replace the Sequence Listing with the replacement Sequence on pages 1-6 enclosed herewith.